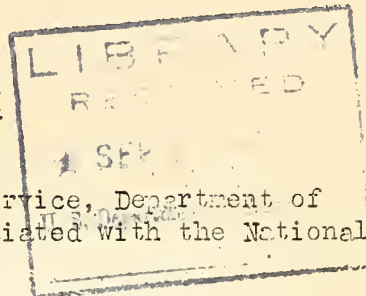


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WHAT NEXT IN 4-H CLUB WORK



A radio talk by Gertrude Warren, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture, through WRC and 37 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, August 2, 1930.

Yesterday I was on one of the high peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains. I could see for miles and miles over the beautiful Shenandoah National Forest. It was particularly inspiring to view the many well-kept farmsteads in the fertile valleys below. And as I studied the view so high above it all, I thought of you boys and girls in the 4-H clubs -- your plans - your work - your achievements. And then thoughts of your plans for the future began taking shape. For each one of you has some plan. It may be quite indefinite but still it is there. When you farm boys and girls were little tots, you loved to build with your blocks, houses, silos, yes, whole farms and perhaps villages. So today you are building with the materials afforded you in your homes, and your communities, your way in life. What it will be ^{is} dependent upon you and the materials available for work.

Robert Browning once said,

"The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's,
Is - not to fancy what were fair in life,
Provided it could be - but finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to our means."

So, in various ways your 4-H club work affords opportunities to learn how to make your way in life more fair. The longer you remain in 4-H club work, the more help will be given you in shaping your life plan intelligently and in fitting yourself to it. A large number of you will choose farming and the making of a home. Some of you boys doubtless will choose to be business men, doctors, lawyers, engineers, while some of you girls will decide to be nurses, teachers, or secretaries. However, the years just ahead for most of you will be spent on the farm. So it is there that you will gain much training and experience for the years to follow. Happy are you boys and girls who take advantage each day of the opportunities on the home farm for self-development. In doing so you are making the best preparation for the work ahead whether it be on a farm of your own or in a crowded city. For there on the farm and in your own community you boys and girls can develop as nowhere else, responsibility, persistence, thriftiness, skilled leadership, teamwork, an attitude for unselfish service, and a character above reproach. There, too, you can develop standards regarding your education, your personal appearance, your health, your food, and your surroundings as well as standards along these lines for the typical farm family. There, too, you can develop standards regarding two very important phases of living -- earning and spending. In how many ways can you earn money on your home farm? Stories of profits in 4-H club work among our boys are numerous. If girls are to live on the home farms after their school work is over, they too should be successful in earning money there. Some of you club girls already have made splendid

records. The size of farm has much to do with what profits can be reasonably expected. Here alone is wonderful field for study that should be included in all your plans. Then there is that interesting field of handling money wisely. It is our hope that you boys and girls will become familiar in 4-H club work with the problems related to the choice of insurance to be carried, your savings accounts, establishing credit, keeping a record of what you own, planning your budget, and paying your own way. Then, when the time comes for you to choose a farm and make a home, we hope that through your 4-H work you will have gained a knowledge of the importance of the size of the farm sufficient to support a family, and its productivity; the proper amount of rent to pay or the price to offer if you desire to buy a home; the proper amount of indebtedness to assume as well as the proper method of financing the transaction. Then there is the furniture and equipment to be bought, allotments to be made for different family expenditures in relation to the farm receipts, and perhaps most important of all, a development of a plan for a satisfying family life. This in brief is a glimpse of what is ahead in 4-H club work for those who follow through. And regardless of whether you remain on the farm or go elsewhere, knowledge gained through such planning will enable you to make your work in life much sounder and more worth while. May all of you prove yourselves skilled and successful builders of lives satisfying to yourselves and of service to others.